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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady on whole product. Retail and food service demand was light to instances moderate with best movement into fast food channels. In the Northeast, market conditions were being assessed following the severe rains that swept the area over the weekend. In the parts structure, demand was fair to at least moderate. Dark meat cuts were in balance to well cleared, and wings were moving satisfactorily. Breast items were sufficient with bone-in breasts close balanced to short. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 16-APR-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.03
Chicago	73.00-76.00	74.58	38 :	75.42
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.69
Denver	84.50	84.42	13 :	83.77
Detroit	76.00-77.00	77.63	8 :	77.60
Los Angeles	85.00	84.16	63 :	82.28
New York	73.00-76.00	75.39	23 :	77.25
Philadelphia	72.50-74.00	73.45	11 :	74.84
Pittsburgh	72.00-75.00	74.00	12 :	78.05
St. Louis	74.50-74.75	74.17	20 :	74.54
San Francisco	85.50	85.16	29 :	86.61

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/16/07	Change Last Wk	04/09/07	04/17/06
522	78.53	-.20	78.73	58.64

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	79.00-80.50	79.64	31
Central	70.00-79.00	76.95	67
Western	79.00-83.00	81.16	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	78.00-79.50	78.39	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,116	73.00-84.00	76.89

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	211.50	1,380
BREASTS - B/S	174.00	5,698
BREASTS - WHOLE	105.00	1,407
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,141
LEG QUARTERS	43.50	9,018
WINGS	137.00	2,679

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair entering the week with dealers assessing market conditions following the torrential rains over the weekend that hampered most of the Northeast. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in close balance to short, the balance of items were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was mostly light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat and breast items were irregular, but mostly sufficient to closer balanced and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported at unchanged prices on regular commitments; however new negotiations, although mixed, was generally unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for immediate needs. Buying activity improved in some areas where feature activities planned, elsewhere just fair. Retailer demand was moderate to occasionally good. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts with trading reported at 46-53 for leg quarters, 126-140 for wings, rib-attached breasts 99-121, and boneless breasts 168-177. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .89 to 80.30, with the volume reported down 3 percents to 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices on final majorities went unchanged into Chicago and Detroit markets; slightly lower into St. Louis, and TFEWR into Ohio cities. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Additional whole bird trade was light on moderate to ample offerings. Retail and food service demand was light overall, occasionally moderate to fairly good noted into catering and some fast food. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were in close balance on dark meat cuts, and available on the balance. The market tone was mostly steady on all part items; at times firm on dark meat and breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for early week business. Offerings were irregular, but usually at least sufficient for full trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were about unchanged at 73 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, Bone-in breast and large wings were in very close balance, b/s breast and tenders were clearing, other items were adequate but also moving well and in fairly good balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

73-87  
(A)  
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was noted as at least moderate entering the week as dealers assess market conditions following the torrential rains that hampered most of the Northeast over the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts were well cleared to tight; boneless skinless breasts, tenders and most dark cuts were about adequate to adequate for current needs. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts; at least steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	163.88	852,910
TENDERLOINS	195-200	193.25	940,472
BREAST - WITH RIBS	101-102	112.02	53,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	103.41	93,920
LEGS	58-59	59.96	172,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	42.50	336,200
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	53.40	57,442
THIGHS	52-53	58.34	64,080
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.36	84,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	127.42	236,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	17,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.39	7,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.96	22,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,896	152.00-217.00	163-167	166.86
TENDERLOINS	525	187.00-270.00	-	201.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QRTS (BULK)	1,536	39.00-42.00	41-42	41.73
LEG QRTS (4/10)	1,422	40.00-47.00	44	44.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,532	43.00-50.00	48-50	48.10

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/16	04/12	04/12	04/09	04/05
Alabama	4,028	3,877	5.53	3,856	5.46
Arkansas	5,147	4,895	5.14	5,022	5.09
Delmarva	2,195	2,279	5.85	1,306	5.69
KY-LA-TN	2,309	2,305	5.15	2,114	4.98
Mississippi	3,083	3,075	5.40	3,058	5.39
North Carolina	2,744	2,697	6.88	1,733	6.70
Texas	2,447	2,525	5.24	2,480	5.21
Total	21,953	21,653	5.55	19,569	5.46
Mon	21,953(A)			19,569(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Apr 2007 is estimated to be 32,844,000 up 11.85 percent from a week ago. and up 8.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 29,365,000 last year 30,251,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	590	162.00-236.00	-	172.19
TENDERLOINS	165	185.00-245.00	-	197.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	168	57.00-62.00	58-59	58.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	519	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	894	39.00-46.00	44-45	44.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	110.00-135.00	121-125	122.87
WINGS (CUT)	270	131.00-151.00	134-136	135.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR APRIL 16, 2007 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.00 - 71.50	69.88	69.19

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 16-APR-TO 20-APR-2007

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	162.00 - 180.00	167.00 - 172.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	96.00 - 120.00	102.00 - 112.00
LEGS	54.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 49.00	44.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	44.00 - 49.00	46.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 57.00	-
THIGHS	50.00 - 59.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	120.00 - 142.00	134.00 - 138.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	90.5-108.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	94-111

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-110
	DRY PACK 110-124
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	185-195

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 13, 2007				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	16.00-17.00	630,600	268,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	16.45		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,652,200	692,200
WTD AVERAGE	17.01	13.54		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 13, 2007				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00-21.00	16.00	120,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-19.00	11.00-15.25	2,706,800	530,400
WTD AVERAGE	18.44	12.92		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-12		8.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices are higher in light trading compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11		8.01

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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